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THE FIRST TWO WARRIORS
GRAPHIC NOVELS**



WARRIORS

THE PROPHECIES BEGIN
GRAPHIC NOVEL



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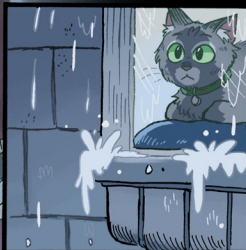
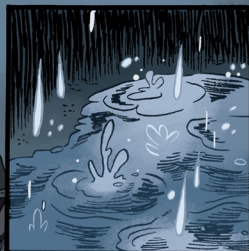
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FIRST EDITION



UGH.

THIS PLACE
STINKS.



HOW MUCH
FARTHER?

NOT FAR
NOW.



THIS
IS IT.

NOW--

REMEMBER
WHAT I
TOLD YOU:

THIS CAT
COMMANDS
MANY OTHERS.

WE MUST
TREAT HIM
WITH RESPECT.



WHO GOES
THERE?



IDENTIFY
YOURSELVES.
WE DON'T LIKE
STRANGERS
HERE.

GREETINGS,
BONE.



BOULDER?

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
BACK HERE?



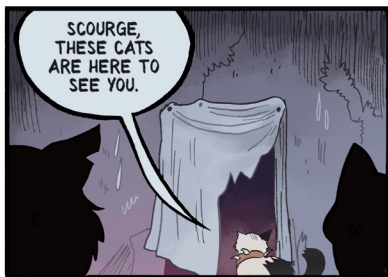
WE'RE HERE TO
SEE SCOURGE.

THIS CAT IS A
LEADER FROM
THE FOREST.

HIS NAME...

...IS
TIGERSTAR.









I HAVE A
PROPOSITION
FOR YOU.



PART ONE: TRACKS OF FEAR

FIREHEART...

WILL IT EVER
BE THE SAME?



ONE DAY,
SANDSTORM.

WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH BAD
TIMES BEFORE.



WE'LL
SURVIVE.



...RUSTLE!...

















I AM PLEASED TO BE
HERE WITH YOU AT THE
GATHERING TONIGHT.

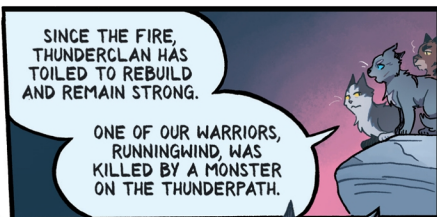
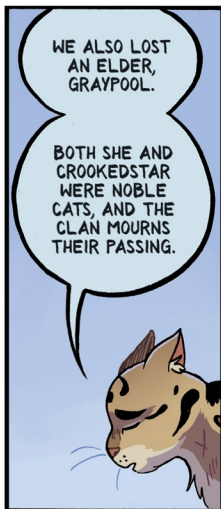
NIGHTSTAR AND
HIS DEPUTY, CINDERFUR,
DIED IN THE SICKNESS
THAT TOOK SO MANY OF
MY NEW CLAN.

STARCLAN HAS
NAMED ME AS HIS
SUCCESSOR.



IT'S AN HONOR TO
STAND HERE WITH YOU,
THOUGH I WISH THE
CIRCUMSTANCES HAD
BEEN DIFFERENT.

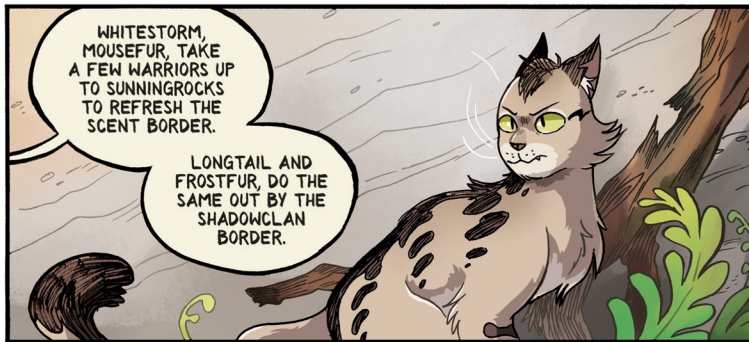








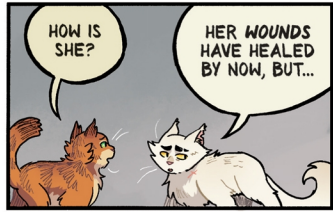


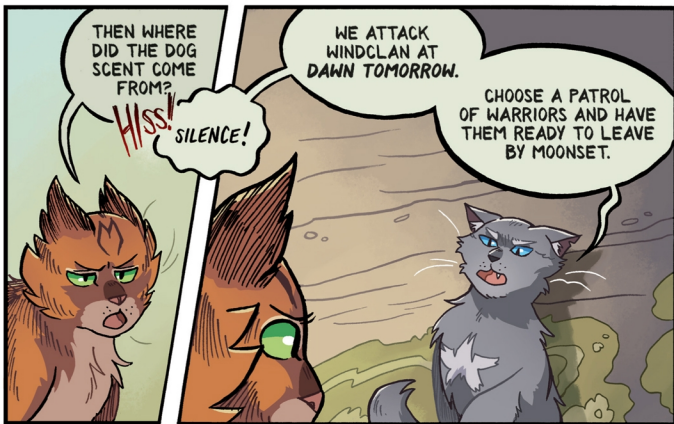




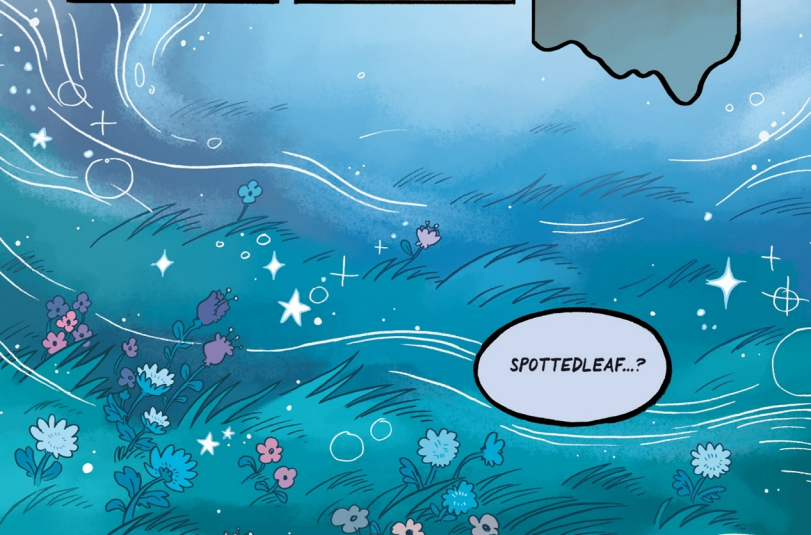














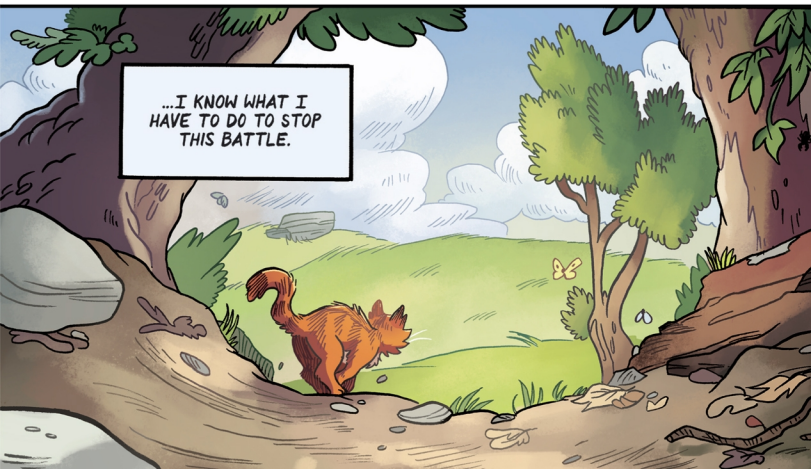
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FIREHEART.

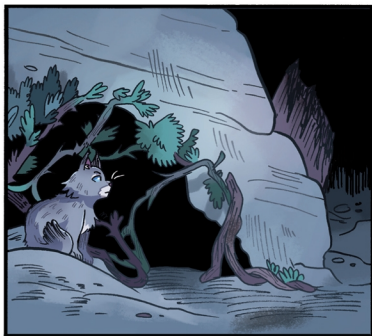
WE BROUGHT
YOU HERE FOR
A REASON.

LOOK AT
THIS PLACE, AND
REMEMBER IT.

A BATTLE WILL
NOT BE FOUGHT
HERE.

BLOOD WILL
NOT BE SPILLED
HERE.





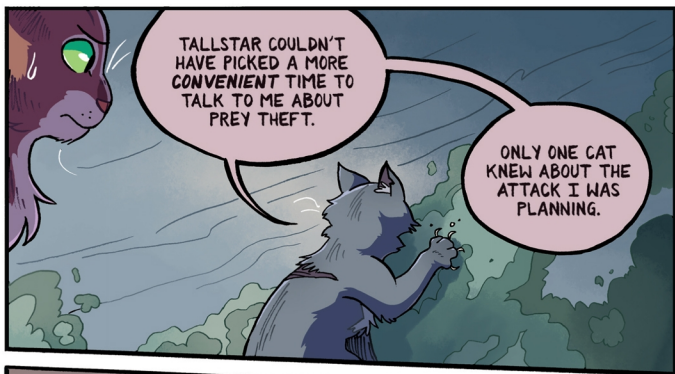














WHAT SHOULD
I CARE IF THE
WHOLE CLAN WAS
SLAUGHTERED?

WHO CARES
WHAT HAPPENS
TO TRAITORS?!

IF ONLY I'D
KEPT MY KITS--

MY CHILDREN
WOULD NEVER
BETRAY ME LIKE
THIS!

BUT I GAVE
THEM UP.

I GAVE UP
EVERYTHING,
JUST LIKE
STARCLAN
WANTED, AND
NOW--

AND
NOW--!

BLUESTAR,
STOP!

I'LL GO GET
CINDERPELT!

FINE.
GO.

KEEP BEING
MY DEPUTY, AND
BECOME LEADER
AFTER ME.

A TRAITOR
LEADING A CLAN
OF TRAITORS!



YOU'LL SEE FOR
YOURSELF WHAT
STARCLAN DOES TO
THEIR FAITHFUL.

WE AVOIDED
A BATTLE, BUT
BLUESTAR'S TRUST
HAS BEEN TOTALLY
SHATTERED...



WHAT DO I HAVE TO
DO TO GET THE OLD
BLUESTAR BACK?



HOW DO I CONVINCE
HER THAT THUNDERCLAN
IS WORTH SAVING?



WELL, I'D
BETTER GET BACK
TO THE BARN...



RAVENPAW, DO
YOU THINK YOU'LL
EVER COME BACK TO
THUNDERCLAN?

WE MISS
YOU...

UH...



I'M HAPPY AT
THE BARN.

I HAVE
RESPONSIBILITIES,
A SUNNY HAYLOFT
TO SLEEP IN,
A MATE...

A
MATE?!



COME VISIT ME
AND BARLEY
NEXT TIME YOU'RE
AT HIGHSTONES!

I WISH
I HAD A
MATE...

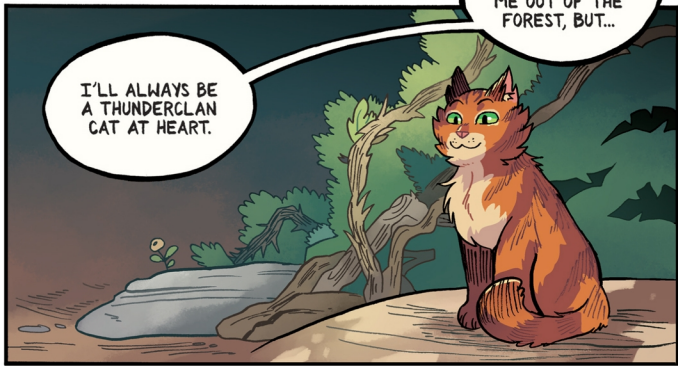
MAYBE
SOMEDAY!



THANKS AGAIN
FOR YOUR HELP,
RAVENPAW.

ANYTIME!

MY DESTINY
MAY HAVE LED
ME OUT OF THE
FOREST, BUT...



I'LL ALWAYS BE
A THUNDERCLAN
CAT AT HEART.



FIREHEART.

I WILL LEAD
THE DAWN PATROL
THIS MORNING.

YAAAAAWN!



BLUESTAR
LEADING A
PATROL?

WATCH OUT
FOR FLYING
HEDGEHOGS!

CLOUDPAW!

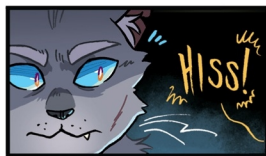
SHOW SOME
RESPECT FOR
YOUR LEADER--

...THAT'S
IT!

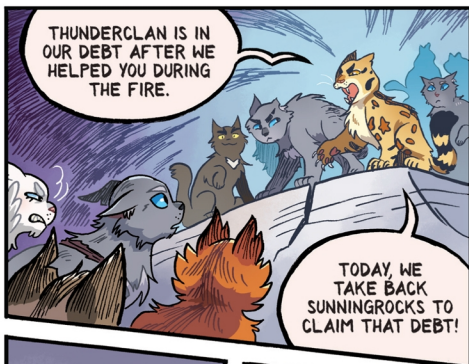
CLOUDPAW,
YOU WANT TO BE
A WARRIOR, RIGHT?

GO GET
SWIFTPAW.

THIS IS
YOUR CHANCE
TO IMPRESS
BLUESTAR!



















I THINK SHE
TOOK THAT
WELL.

I MISSED
YOU TOO,
GRAYSTRIPE.

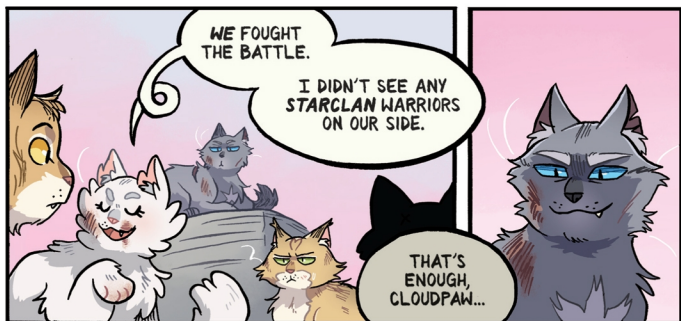


WELL DONE.
YOU FOUGHT LIKE
WARRIORS, ALL
OF YOU.

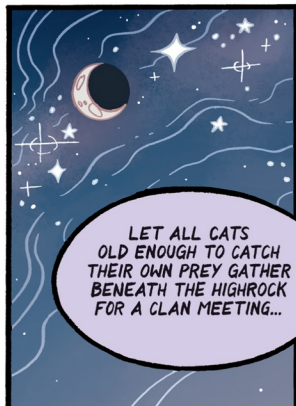
THANK STARCLAN
WE MANAGED TO
DRIVE RIVERCLAN
OFF!

"THANK
STARCLAN"?

MORE LIKE
THANK US!









CLOUDPAW, YOU
FOUGHT WELL TODAY
AGAINST RIVERCLAN.

YOU'VE WORKED HARD
AND BECOME BRAVE AND
STRONG, AND YOU DON'T
GROVEL TO STARCLAN.



IT'S TIME YOU
WERE MADE A
WARRIOR.



I, BLUESTAR, LEADER OF
THUNDERCLAN, CALL UPON
MY WARRIOR ANCESTORS TO
LOOK DOWN UPON THIS
APPRENTICE.

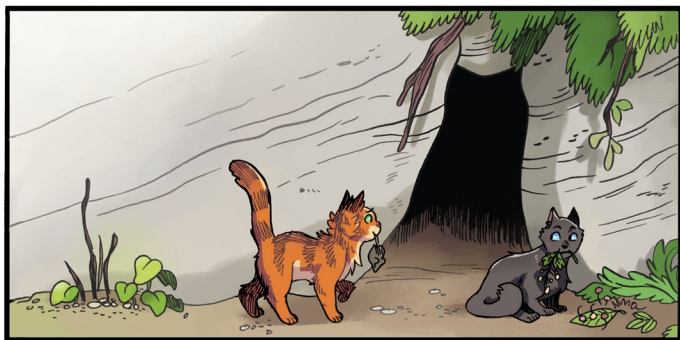
CLOUDPAW, DO YOU
PROMISE TO UPHOLD THE
WARRIOR CODE AND TO
PROTECT AND DEFEND THE
CLAN, EVEN AT THE COST
OF YOUR OWN LIFE?



I DO!

THEN BY THE
POWER OF STARCLAN,
I GIVE YOU YOUR
WARRIOR NAME...



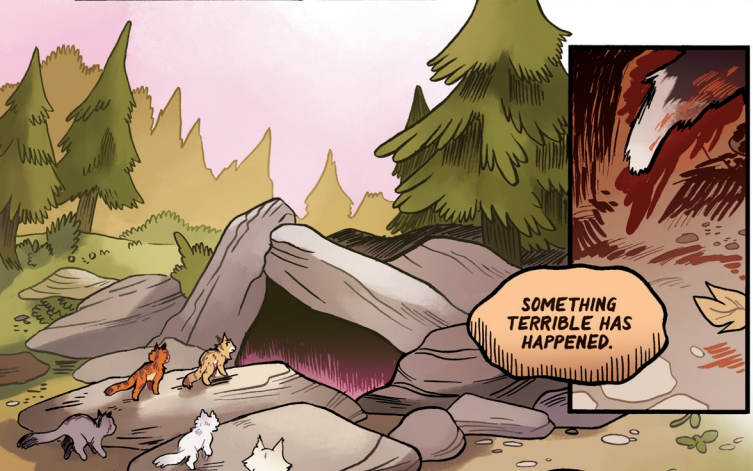


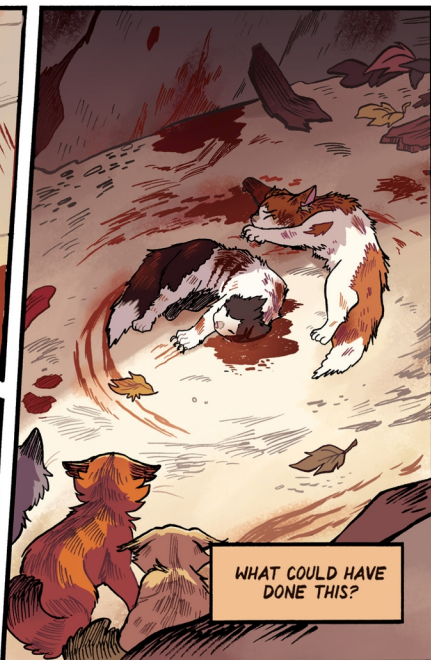
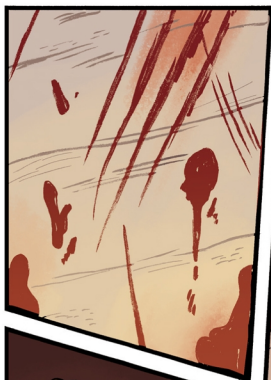














PACK, PACK...

...KILL, KILL...



WILL
SHE LIVE?



I DON'T
KNOW.

EVEN IF SHE
RECOVERS,
SHE'LL BE
SCARRED.

I COULDN'T
SAVE HER EAR
OR HER EYE.



BUT I'VE
DONE THE BEST
I CAN.

SHE'S IN
STARCLAN'S
PAWS, NOW.



IF IT'S UP
TO STARCLAN,
BRIGHTPAW
WILL DIE.







LET ALL CATS
OLD ENOUGH TO CATCH
THEIR OWN PREY GATHER
BENEATH THE HIGHROCK.

THERE IS NEWS,
AND APPRENTICES
TO BE MADE.

CINDERPELT?



LOSTFACE
IS STARTING
TO RECOVER,
AND ATE SOME
FRESH-KILL
THIS MORNING.



...GOOD.

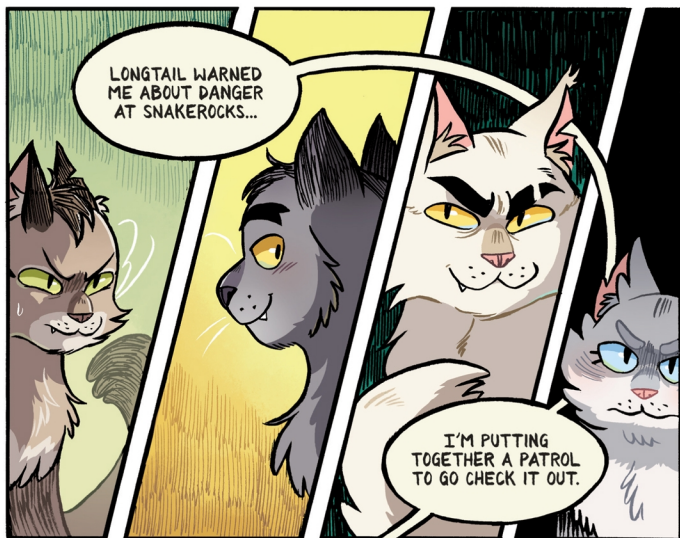
BRAMBLEKIT
AND TAWNYKIT,
COME FORWARD.













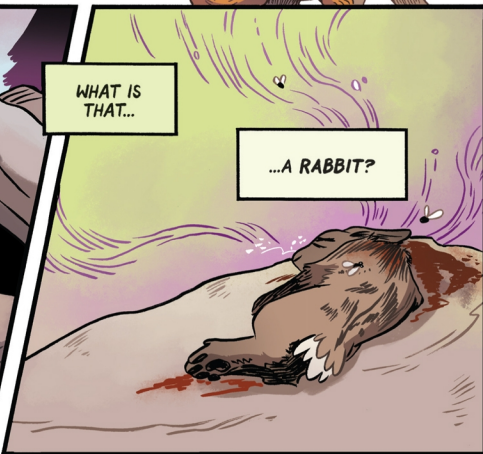
HAVE YOU TOLD
BLUESTAR?

I DIDN'T WANT
TO WORRY HER.

I'LL TELL HER
IF WE ACTUALLY
FIND ANYTHING.



WHAT IS
THAT...



...A RABBIT?



SHADOWCLAN.



TIGERSTAR KILLED
THIS AND LEFT
IT HERE...





THIS IS THE
PACK?!



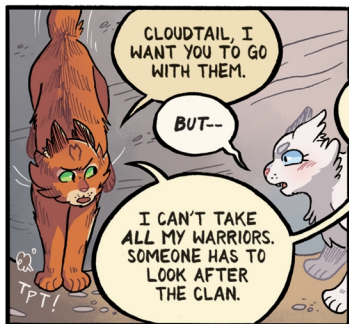


BRINDLEFACE?!



THIS IS
TIGERSTAR'S
WORK.













LONGTAIL,
YOU'LL LEAD THEM
TO DUSTPELT.

NOD

DUSTPELT,
TO MOUSEFUR.

NOD

MOUSEFUR,
TO GRAYSTRIPE.

NOD

WHEN SHE GETS
HERE, RUN FOR THE
STEEPEST PART OF
THE GORGE.

I'LL TAKE OVER
FOR THE FINAL
STRETCH.

WHAT WILL
LEOPARDSTAR THINK
OF US DOING THIS SO
CLOSE TO RIVERCLAN
TERRITORY?

WITH ANY LUCK,
SHE WON'T NEED
TO KNOW!











SPOTTEDLEAF,
YELLOWFANG,
HELP ME, PLEASE!

IT CAN'T
END LIKE THIS--

WHERE
ARE YOU?!



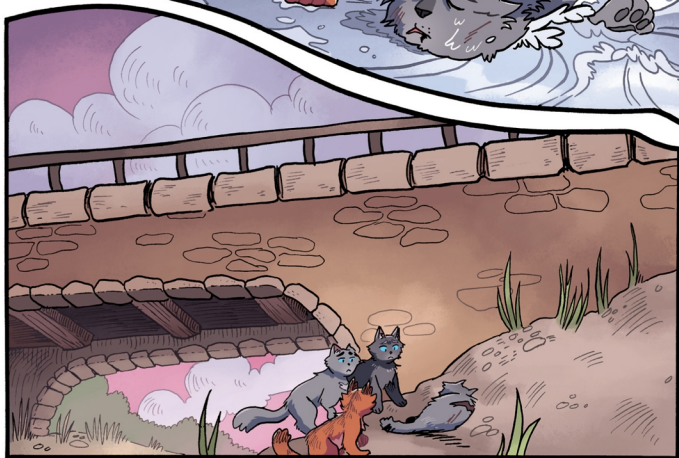




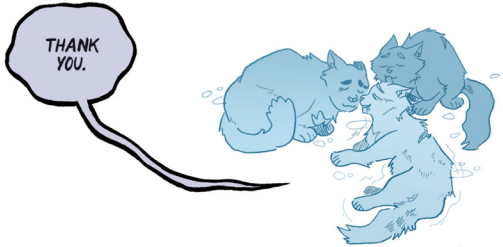
BLUESTAR!!!

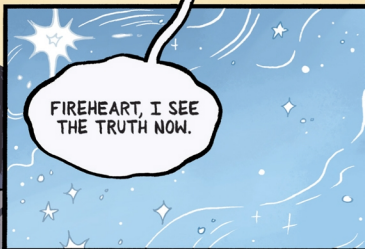














"FIRE ALONE
WILL SAVE OUR
CLAN"...

YOU ARE THE FIRE
THAT WILL SAVE
THUNDERCLAN.

YOU WILL BE A
GREAT LEADER, WITH
WARMTH TO GUIDE THE
CLAN AND FIERCENESS
TO PROTECT IT.

YOU WILL BE
FIRESTAR...

...THE FLAME OF
THUNDERCLAN!

END OF
PART ONE

PART TWO: FIRESTAR

DON'T GIVE
ME EXCUSES,
DARKSTRIPE.

WHERE ARE
MY KITS?

OR ARE YOU
TELLING ME
THE DOG ATTACK
WASN'T ENOUGH
COVER, EVEN
FOR YOU?

I TRIED,
TIGERSTAR!

BRAMBLEPAW
AND TAWNYPAW
JUST KEPT ASKING
QUESTIONS, LIKE--

"WHERE ARE
WE GOING?"

"WHY CAN'T
GOLDENFLOWER
COME TOO?"

ENOUGH.

I'LL GET
MY REVENGE
ON THOSE
THUNDERCLAN
FOOLS SOMEHOW.

YOU MEAN
YOU HAVE A
BACKUP
PLAN?





HEY, UM...
LOSTFACE.

IS
EVERYTHING
OKAY?

GRAYSTRIPE
SAID THE CAMP
IS SAFE TO
RETURN TO...

...AND IF
THERE ARE
ANY DOGS,
I'LL--

I SHOULD
HAVE FOUGHT
WITH THEM,
CLOUDTAIL.





BLUESTAR WAS
A NOBLE LEADER.
LET US GIVE THANKS
TO STARCLAN FOR
HER LIFE.



SHE WAS DEDICATED
TO HER CLAN, AND HER
MEMORY WILL NEVER FADE
FROM THE FOREST.



WE COMMEND
HER SPIRIT TO
STARCLAN.

MAY SHE WATCH
OVER US IN DEATH
AS SHE ALWAYS
DID IN LIFE.



FIREHEART, THOSE
TWO RIVERCLAN
WARRIORS...

WHAT WERE
THEY DOING HERE
BEFORE?



...

THEY HELPED
ME PULL HER
OUT OF THE RIVER.

AND...



BLUESTAR
WAS THEIR
MOTHER.

I CAN EXPLAIN
MORE LATER, BUT
SHE TOLD ME
HERSELF.



THEY WERE
HERS AND
OAKHEART'S.

SHE COULDN'T
KEEP THEM, SO
SHE GAVE THEM
UP TO BE RAISED
IN RIVERCLAN.



SHE DID IT
FOR THE SAKE OF
THUNDERCLAN.









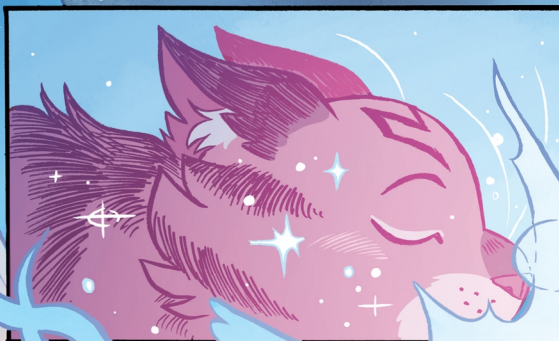


















**WELCOME,
FIREHEART.**

**ARE YOU READY TO
RECEIVE YOUR
NINE LIVES?**

FIREHEART!

FIREHEART!



FIREHEART!

FIREHEART!

YES.

I'M
READY.





WITH THIS LIFE,
I GIVE YOU
PROTECTION.

USE IT TO CARE
FOR THE CLAN LIKE
A MOTHER CARES
FOR HER KITS.

WITH THIS LIFE,
I GIVE YOU
MENTORING.

USE IT WELL TO
TRAIN THE YOUNG
IN YOUR CLAN.

WITH THIS LIFE,
I GIVE YOU
COMPASSION.

USE IT WELL
FOR THE ELDERS,
THE SICK, AND ALL
THOSE WEAKER THAN
YOURSELF.

WITH THIS LIFE,
I GIVE YOU
LOVE.

USE IT WELL
TO KEEP ALL CATS
IN YOUR CARE IN
YOUR HEART.



WELCOME,
FIREHEART.

MY APPRENTICE.

MY WARRIOR.

MY DEPUTY.

WITH THIS
LIFE, I GIVE YOU
NOBILITY,
CERTAINTY,
AND FAITH.

USE IT WELL TO
LEAD YOUR CLAN IN
THE WAYS OF THE
WARRIOR CODE.



I HAIL YOU
NOW BY YOUR
NEW NAME:

FIRESTAR.

YOU HAVE RECEIVED
THE NINE LIVES OF A
LEADER, AND THE TRUST
OF STARCLAN TO GUIDE
AND GUARD YOUR CLAN.





FIRESTAR!

FIRESTAR!

FIRESTAR!

FIRESTAR!

FIRESTAR!

WHAT?

FIRESTAR...!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!



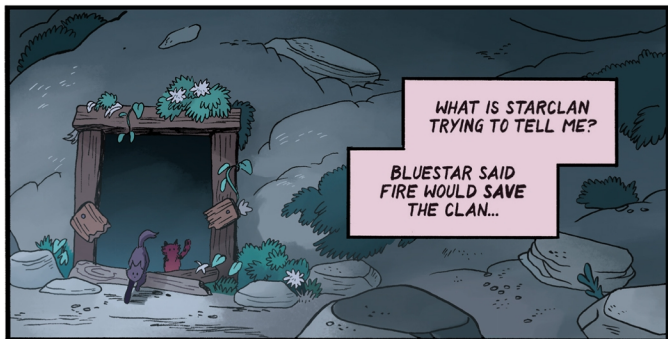
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE IS COMING,
FIRESTAR.

FOUR WILL BECOME TWO.
LION AND TIGER WILL
MEET IN BATTLE...

...AND BLOOD
WILL RULE
THE FOREST.







WHAT IS STARCLAN TRYING TO TELL ME?

BLUESTAR SAID
FIRE WOULD SAVE
THE CLAN...



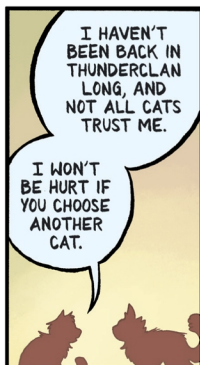
...BUT HOW CAN THAT
BE TRUE IF FIRE IS
QUENCHED IN A TIDAL
WAVE OF BLOOD?



FIRESTAR!



YOU'RE
BACK.







YOU WILL BE
KNOWN AS
THORNCLAW.



I ALSO
WANT TO HONOR
SWIFTPAW, WHO
SHOULD BE HERE
RECEIVING HIS
WARRIOR NAME
AS WELL.

HIS CLAN
WILL ALWAYS
REMEMBER HIM.



AND LAST,
BUT NOT
LEAST...



LOSTFACE...

I THINK A
CORRECTION IS
IN ORDER.



ARE YOU
READY TO RECEIVE
A MORE FITTING
WARRIOR NAME?



Y-YES,
FIRESTAR!



SPIRITS OF STARCLAN,
I ASK YOU TO TAKE AWAY
THE NAME FROM THE CAT
YOU SEE BEFORE YOU, FOR IT
NO LONGER STANDS FOR
WHO SHE IS.

FROM THIS
MOMENT ON, SHE
WILL BE KNOWN AS
BRIGHTHEART--

--FOR THOUGH HER
BODY WAS INJURED, WE
HONOR HER BRAVE SPIRIT
AND THE LIGHT THAT
SHINES ON WITHIN HER.



BRIGHTHEART,
SHOW THEM!

OH,
RIGHT!



FIRESTAR,
ONE-EYE AND
CLOUDTAIL HAVE
BEEN HELPING ME
DEVELOP SOME
NEW BATTLE
MOVES.



WE'RE STILL
WORKING ON IT,
BUT I WANT TO
SHOW YOU OUR
PROGRESS.





OKAY, BRAMBLEPAW.
LET'S TRY OUT SOME
BATTLE MOVES NOW.



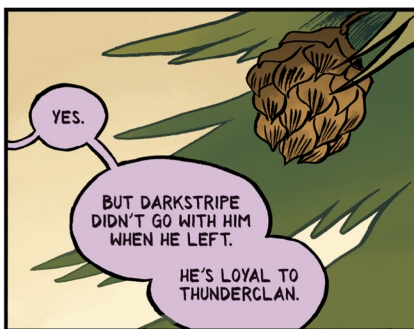
READY?







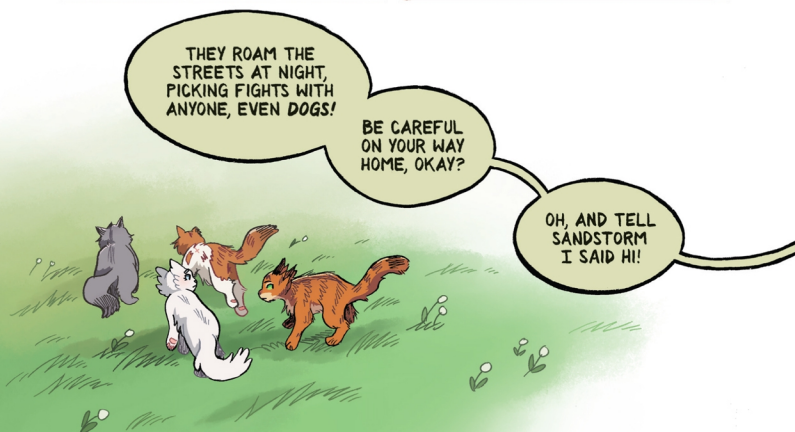
























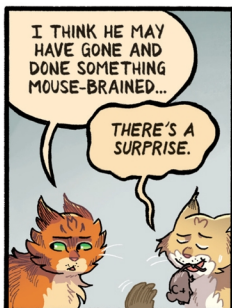
YAAAWN!

DID GRAYSTRIPE
EVER COME BACK TO
CAMP LAST NIGHT?



NO.

IS
EVERYTHING
OKAY?



I THINK HE MAY
HAVE GONE AND
DONE SOMETHING
MOUSE-BRAINED...

THERE'S A
SURPRISE.

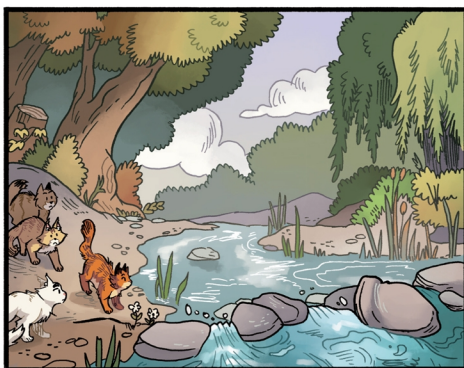


WHY NOT
TAKE THE DAWN
PATROL OUT TO
LOOK FOR HIM?

GOOD
IDEA.



WHEN YOU'RE
DONE EATING,
GET THORNCLAW
AND WHITESTORM
FOR ME.



IT SMELLS LIKE
GRAYSTRIPE WENT
THIS WAY.



BUT--















SHADOWCLAN
WARRIORS CAME TO
TRAIN WITH US.

A group of cats, including a white cat with a black patch and a ginger cat, are gathered in a clearing with large, twisted tree roots. Several other cats are visible in the background.



TIMES WERE
HARD, AFTER ALL.

A close-up of a white cat with a black patch and yellow eyes, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression.

WE HAD A LOT
TO LEARN FROM
EACH OTHER.

A group of cats are gathered in a clearing, looking towards the right. The scene is set in a forest with trees and foliage.



TO SYMBOLIZE OUR
STRENGTH, TIGERSTAR
ORDERED US TO BUILD A
HILL OF PREY BONES
AT OUR NEW CAMP.

A close-up of a grey cat with blue eyes, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression.

A GRISLY MONUMENT
MADE OF DISCARDED
SCRAPS OF PREY.

A large pile of animal bones and skulls is shown, with a cat standing on top of it. The scene is set in a dark, rocky area.

A HILL OF BONES...
JUST LIKE IN MY DREAM
FROM STARCLAN!

A close-up of a cat's face, showing its eyes and mouth. The cat has a surprised or shocked expression.



BUT EVEN
THAT WASN'T
ENOUGH.

A close-up of a cat's face, showing its eyes and mouth. The cat has a surprised or shocked expression.



TO PROVE
TIGERCLAN'S
"STRENGTH"
EVEN MORE...



...HE
WANTED TO
CAST OUT ALL
HALF-CLAN
CATS.



WE'D ALREADY
TOLD RIVERCLAN ABOUT
BLUESTAR, AND EVERY CAT
KNEW ABOUT FEATHERPAW
AND STORMPAW.



THEY
CAPTURED US
AND HELD US
PRISONER.



WHEN I REACHED
THE CAMP, TIGERSTAR
WAS ORDERING STONEFUR
TO KILL MY KITS AND
PROVE HIS LOYALTY.

I HID IN THE
BUSHES, WAITING FOR
AN OPPORTUNITY.

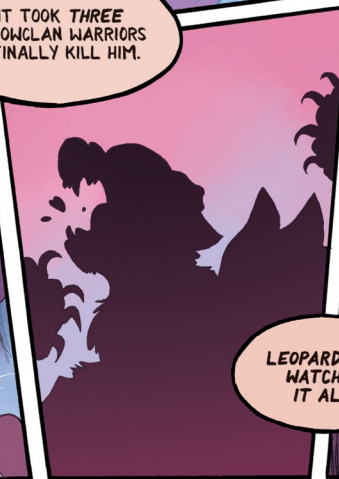




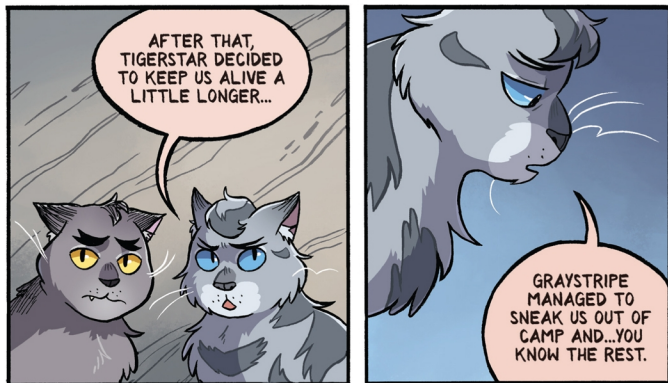
EVEN THOUGH
HE'D BEEN BEATEN
AND STARVED...



...IT TOOK **THREE**
SHADOWCLAN WARRIORS
TO FINALLY KILL HIM.

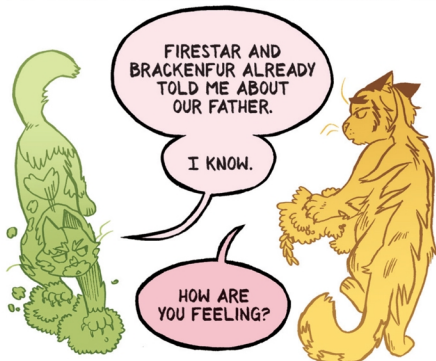


LEOPARDSTAR
WATCHED
IT ALL.





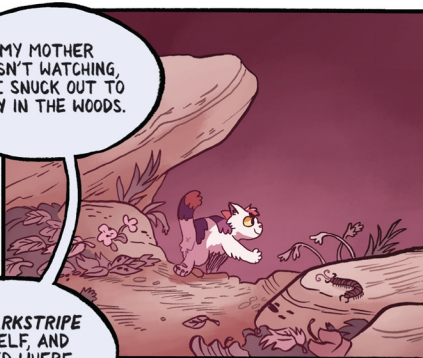








MY MOTHER
WASN'T WATCHING,
SO I SNUCK OUT TO
PLAY IN THE WOODS.



I SAW **DARKSTRIPE**
BY HIMSELF, AND
WONDERED WHERE
HE WAS GOING.

I WANTED TO GO ON
AN ADVENTURE, SO
I FOLLOWED HIM.
HE DIDN'T SEE ME.



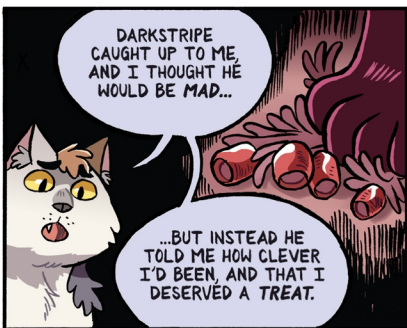
HE WENT FAR AWAY
FROM THE CAMP, AND
MET WITH A CAT WHO
SMELLED **YUCKY**--

A REALLY, REALLY
BIG WHITE CAT WITH
DARK PAWS.



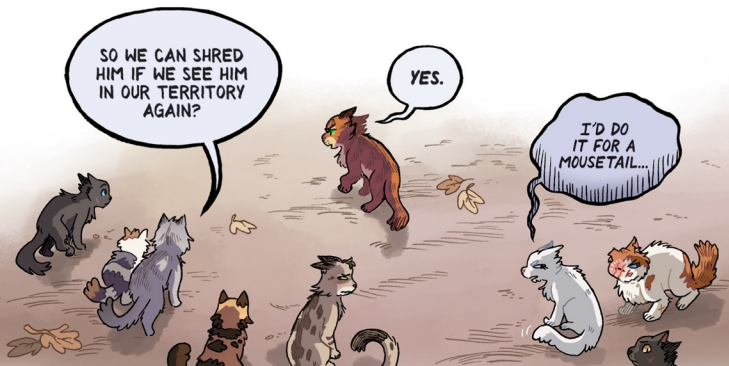
THAT MUST HAVE
BEEN **BLACKSTEP**,
THE DEPUTY OF
SHADOWCLAN!













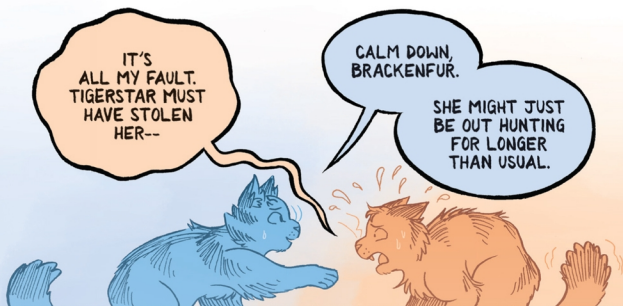


IT'S
TAWNYPAW.



I CAN'T
FIND HER.

SHE'S
DISAPPEARED!



IT'S
ALL MY FAULT.
TIGERSTAR MUST
HAVE STOLEN
HER--

CALM DOWN,
BRACKENFUR.

SHE MIGHT JUST
BE OUT HUNTING
FOR LONGER
THAN USUAL.



WE HAVE
TO GO TO THE
GATHERING NOW.

I'LL SEND OUT A
SEARCH PARTY IF SHE
HASN'T RETURNED
BY THE TIME WE
GET BACK.









STARCLAN ITSELF
HAS BLESSED
SHADOWCLAN TO SHOW
ME THE FUTURE.

WE SURVIVED
THE SICKNESS, AND I,
TIGERSTAR, RESTORED
SHADOWCLAN TO
GREATNESS.



ALL OF YOU KNOW
THAT CHANGES ARE
ALREADY HERE:

THE FLOODS. THE
FIRE. THE TWOLEGS.
LIFE GROWS HARDER
FOR US ALL.

STARCLAN HAS SHOWN
ME THAT WE MUST
BECOME STRONGER
TO SURVIVE.

WE MUST
UNITE.





LEOPARDSTAR
HAS ALREADY
AGREED.

WE ARE NOW
JOINT LEADERS OF A
GREAT CLAN KNOWN
AS TIGERCLAN.

EVEN IN OUR FIRST
MOON, OUR CLAWS ARE
ALREADY SHARPER
THAN EVER.



WE HAVE COME
TO THE GATHERING
TONIGHT TO INVITE
YOU TO JOIN US.

LET US RULE
THE FOREST
TOGETHER...



...IN
PEACE.





NO. YOU'VE
MADE IT CLEAR
WHAT YOUR IDEA
OF *UNITY* IS.

THUNDERCLAN
WILL NOT
SUBMIT.

NOR WILL
WINDCLAN.



YOUR *COURAGE* IS
MATCHED ONLY BY
YOUR *STUPIDITY*.

I *KNEW* YOU
WOULDN'T HAVE THE
SENSE TO AGREE
ON YOUR OWN...





THIS IS **BLOODCLAN**.
THEY COME FROM
TWOLEGPLACE.

TIGERCLAN
AND BLOODCLAN
ALONE WILL RULE THE
FOREST TOGETHER.





YOU WILL
JOIN US OR BE
DESTROYED.







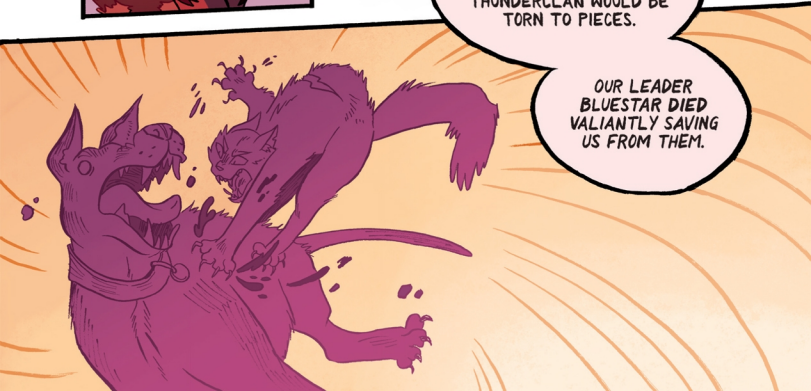


I WILL REMAIN
SILENT ABOUT
TIGERSTAR'S
CRIMES NO
LONGER!

AS A WARRIOR, HE
MURDERED OUR DEPUTY,
REDTAIL, HOPING TO BE
MADE HIS REPLACEMENT.

WHEN HE FINALLY
BECAME DEPUTY, HE
PLOTTED TO KILL OUR
LEADER, **BLUESTAR**.

HE SET A TRAP FOR HER
AT THE THUNDERPATH, THEN
CONSPIRED WITH SHADOWCLAN'S
FORMER LEADER, **BROKENTAIL**,
TO MURDER HER WITH HIS OWN
CLAWS DURING A ROGUE ATTACK.





HIS ACTIONS
SPEAK FOR
HIM.

HE'LL DO
ANYTHING,
BETRAY
ANY CAT,
FOR POWER.

IF HE'S PROMISED
YOU A SHARE OF THE
FOREST, HE'S LYING.

HE WON'T GIVE
UP A SINGLE
PAW PRINT.

HE'S TRYING
TO USE YOU...

...JUST LIKE HE'S
USED EVERY CAT
IN THIS FOREST.







YOU TRAITOR!!

TAK!





GHHK



GGHK!
HRK

GASP!
gHhh
HH



A WOUND THAT DEEP
AND BRUTAL...

HHH
HHH
HH!
HRK GGL..





HHH

HK

HHHH



NOT EVEN
STARCLAN CAN HELP
HIS BODY RECOVER.

HH...

H...

hkh...



gasp...

TIGERSTAR...









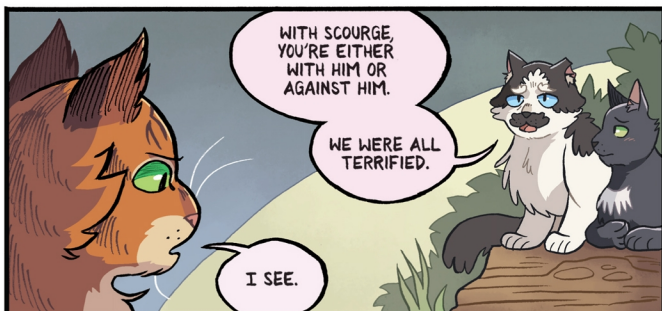
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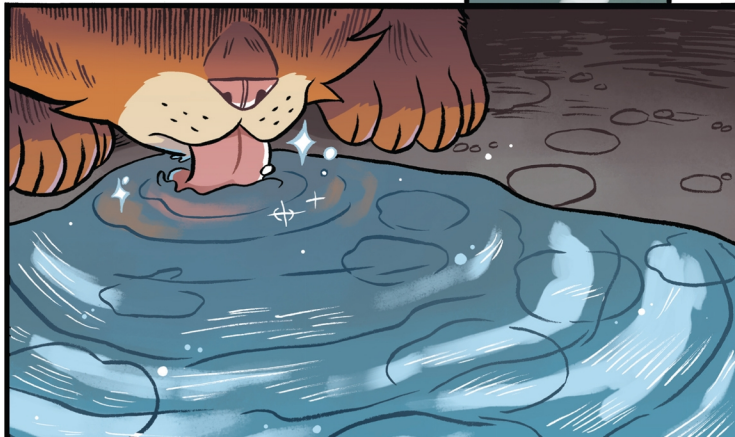
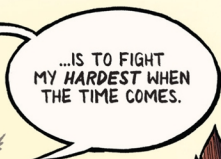










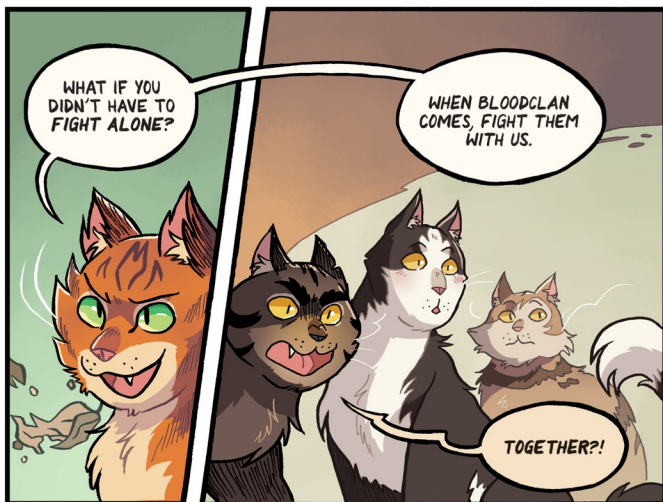


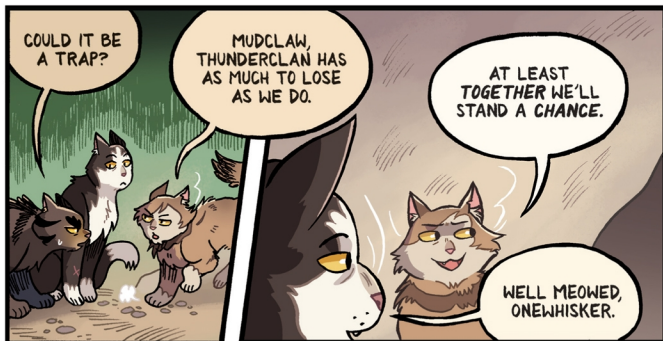








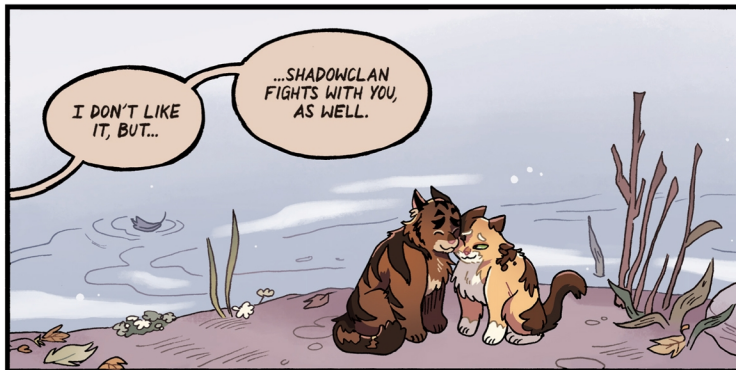
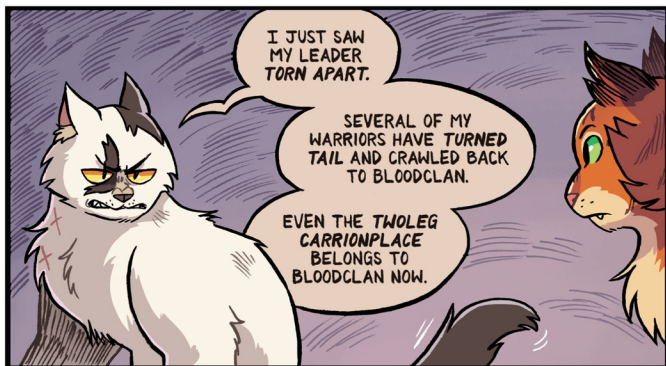


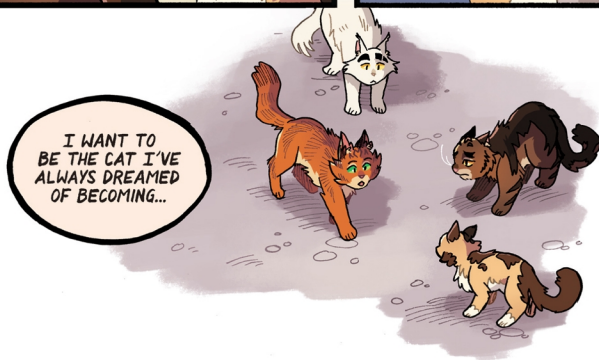
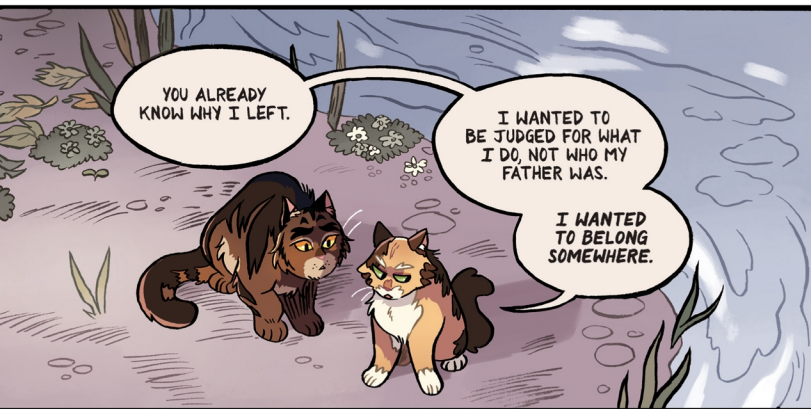










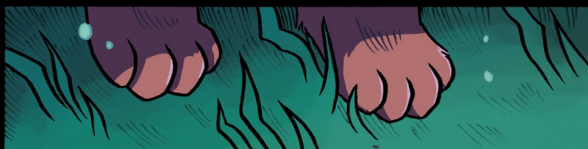
















SANDSTORM,
I LOVE YOU.



I LOVE YOU
TOO, FIRESTAR.

C'MON, LET'S
GET BACK TO
CAMP.



WIN OR DIE...

...TOMORROW,
WE FIGHT.











BLOODCLAN!



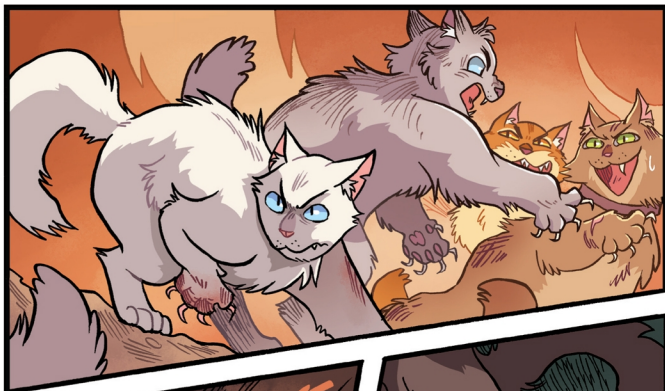


LIONCLAN!

ATTACK!!









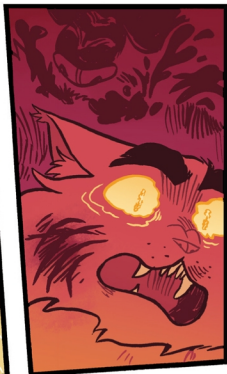




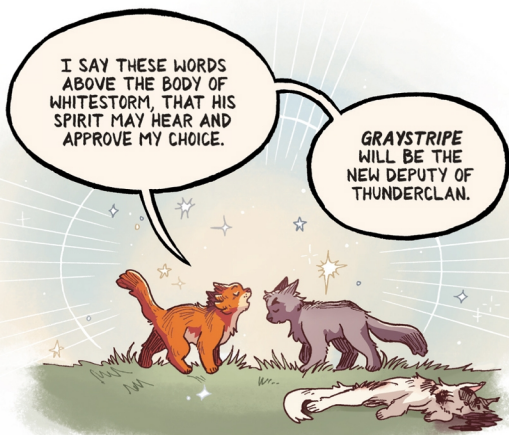
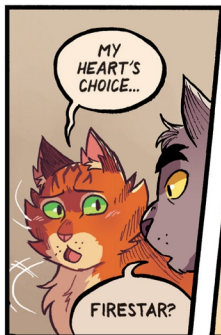














GET OFF
MY BROTHER,
YOU FLEA BAG!!



NGH!



HEY!



MAYBE YOU'RE
A GOOD FIT FOR
SHADOWCLAN
AFTER ALL!



ABSOLUTELY
NOT.

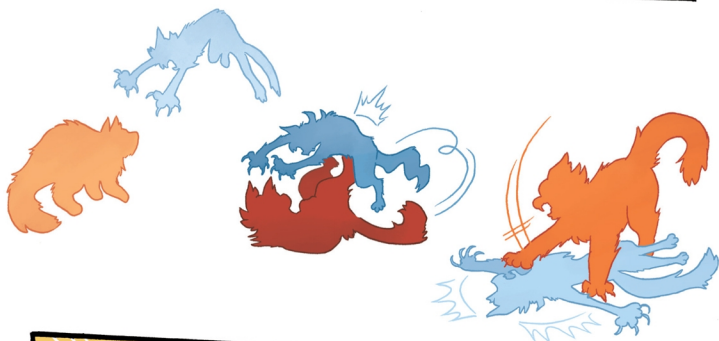


WE DON'T NEED
A THUNDERCLAN
GOODY-FOUR-PAWS
ANYTIME SOON.

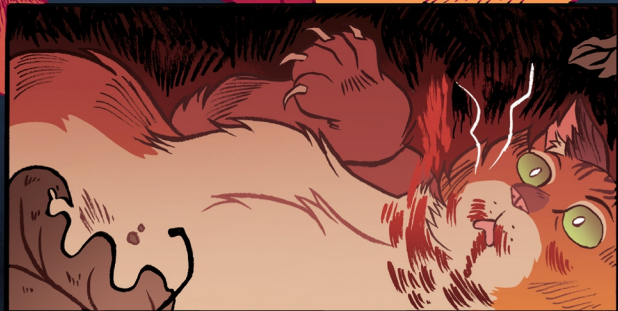
HEH.













FIRESTAR...













SCOURGE DOESN'T
BELIEVE IN THE
WARRIOR CODE...



...WHICH MEANS
HE DOESN'T HAVE
NINE LIVES!



I ONLY HAVE TO
KILL HIM ONCE!





I AM A LEADER WHO FIGHTS
WITH ALL FIVE CLANS BY MY
SIDE, NOT UNDER MY CLAWS!





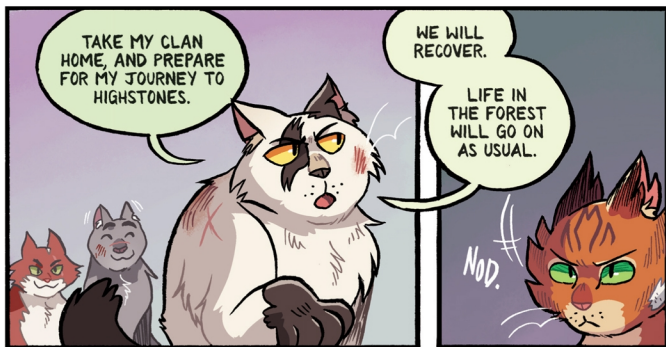












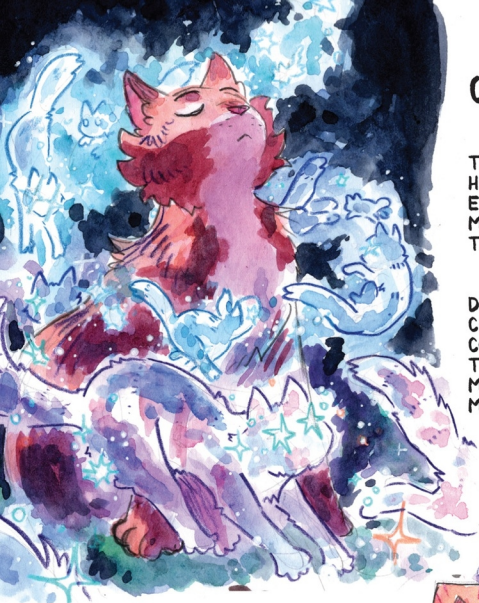




A whimsical illustration of a group of cats. In the foreground, several cats are looking up: a grey cat with a purple bow, a brown cat with yellow eyes, and a grey cat with a wide smile. In the background, a dark brown cat, a white cat with blue eyes, and an orange cat with a red eye patch sit on a grey rock ledge. The sky is a mix of blue and purple with white stars and streaks. A vertical decorative border on the left features a blue and purple wavy pattern with stars. A yellow speech bubble with a black border is positioned in the upper center.

THE END.





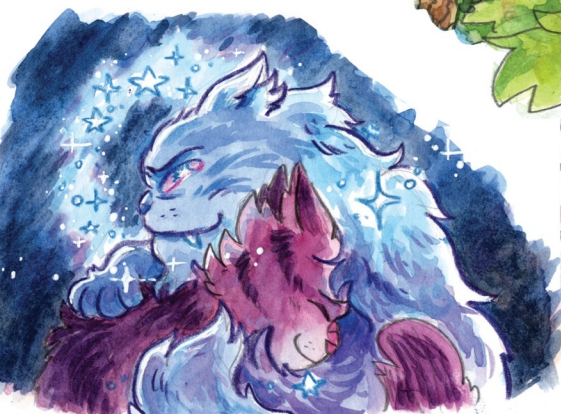
CONCEPT ART

AS THE LAST BOOK IN THE TRILOGY, VOLUME 3 HAD A LOT OF BIG EMOTIONS TO CONVEY... MY FAVORITE WAY TO DO THAT IS WITH COLOR!

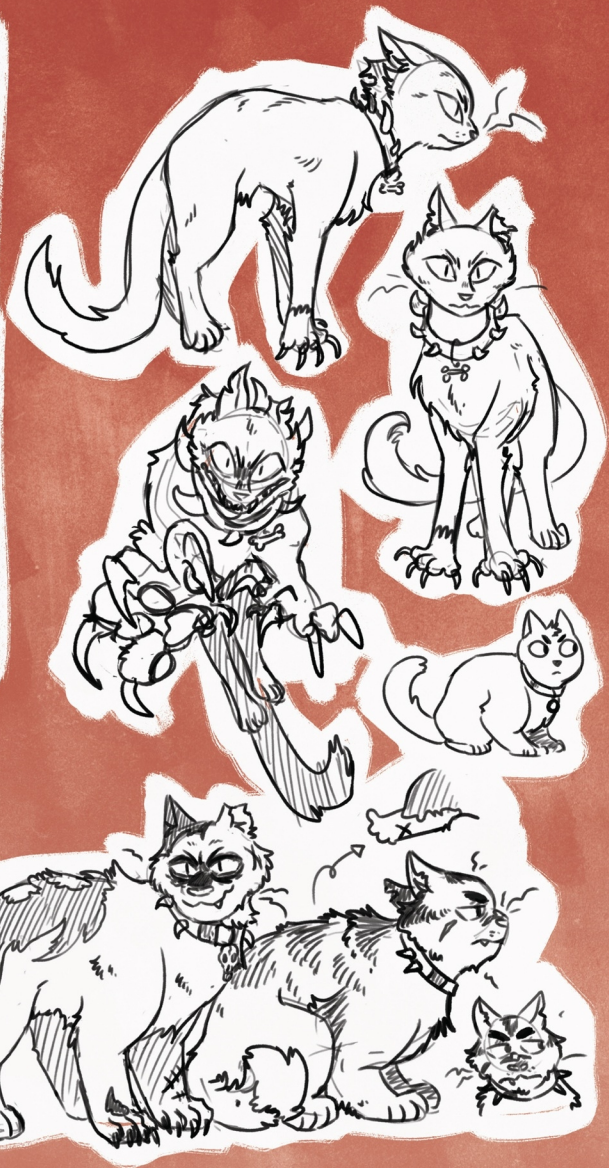
WHILE WRITING AND DRAWING THE SCRIPT, I CREATED SOME PAINTED COLOR SKETCHES TO KEEP TRACK OF WHAT I HAD IN MIND. HERE ARE SOME OF MY FAVORITES.

(UNLIKE THE COMIC ITSELF, THESE WERE ALL MADE WITH WATERCOLOR, COLORED PENCIL, AND GRAPHITE IN A REGULAR SKETCHBOOK.)





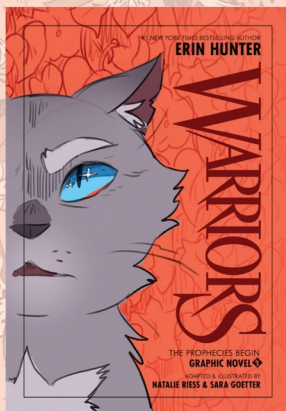
CHARACTER SKETCHES: BLOODCLAN



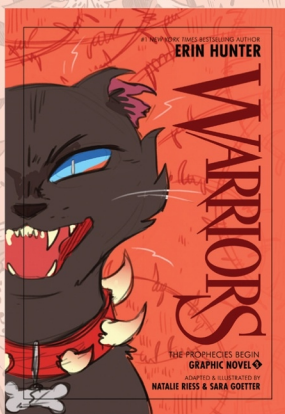


ALTERNATE COVER SKETCHES

BY THIS POINT IN THE SERIES, WE HAD AN ESTABLISHED COVER FORMAT. ALL WE HAD TO DO NOW WAS CHOOSE A CAT TO BE ON THE COVER...



BLUESTAR WITH MOONFLOWERS



SCOURGE WITH BARBED WIRE



IN THE END, OUR EDITOR CHOSE TIGERSTAR (WITH TIGER LILIES). I'M HAPPY WITH THIS; I THINK TIGERSTAR DESERVES HIS OWN COVER AFTER BEING THE MAIN VILLAIN FOR THREE WHOLE VOLUMES!

THANK YOU FOR
READING!



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